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A.—(a) The Military Grass Farms department was first allowed to exploit grass in the Sandur forests of the Bellary district in 1904-05; but no information is available as regards the names or areas of the reserves in which the Military Grass Farms department exploited grass prior to 1915-16.

(b) & (c) A statement ^a is appended.

(d) The question is under consideration of the Government.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“What is that particular reserve the addition of which is engaging the consideration of the Government?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“I have stated in answer to the hon. Member's question that it is under consideration of Government. The hon. Member knows what his question is and the matter about which it is asked.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“I know nothing, Sir.”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“The question was whether the Government decided to add yet more land to the farm this year and if so, which reserve and how much of it. The answer is that the whole question is under the consideration of the Government.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“Am I to take it that the Government are not at all contemplating any particular reserves for adding to this farm? Are there no proposals at all before the Government?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“There are certain proposals, and I think the proposal is what addition should be made.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“May I therefore know what those reserves are with reference to which the Government are considering the question?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“I wish to have notice of the question.”

Mr. A. RAGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“I have given notice enough, Sir. May I know whether the hon. Member has received any petitions with reference to this question?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“I think there are some petitions if I remember right.”

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“Will the hon. Member give the public an opportunity of having their say before he passes orders on the subject?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“I shall consider the request Sir.”

Grievances of Forest Rangers.

* 1489 Q.—Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayoh Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether he has received any resolution or representation from the Sixth Annual Conference of the Forest Rangers' Association; and

^a Vide Appendix I on page 89 infra.

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(b) if so, what action he has taken on the various grievances outlined therein ?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The question does not arise.

Medical.

Alleged refusal of admission into the General Hospital.

* 1489-A Q.—Mr. P. ANJANEYULU: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government is drawn to the publication in the correspondence columns of the *Swarajya* dated 13th February 1926 under the heading “A student’s tragic death”;

(b) whether Government have verified if the statements made therein regarding the admission into the General Hospital which was refused to the patient, Mr. Gopala Sundaram, a Law College student, though he waited from 8-30 a.m. to 12-30 p.m.;

(c) whether Government have also verified if the doctor in the Rayapuram Hospital refused admission in the beginning on various grounds “the more important of which were that it was late for admission, that the patient was not in so serious a condition as to necessitate immediate admission, that . . . he happened to be a Brahman”;

(d) if the answers to (b) and (c) be in the negative, whether the Government will be pleased to make immediate enquiries into the matter; and

(e) if the answers be in the affirmative, what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b), (c) & (d) The Government have obtained a report^a in the matter from the Surgeon-General, which is laid on the table.

(e) As pointed out by the Surgeon-General, the incident was due not to any defect of system, but to an error of judgment on the part of the medical officer on duty. The Government do not therefore propose to take any special action in the matter. The Surgeon-General will deal with the assistant surgeon departmentally.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“ May I ask the hon. the Minister, first, why the Government have not expressed even the conventional regret for the death of a student, due to an error of judgment on the part of one of their subordinates, as has been admitted in the answer to the question ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“ The Surgeon-General in his report has expressed regret, and that letter has been placed on the table of the House.”

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI:—“ With reference to clause (e) of this question, we find that, as pointed out by the Surgeon-General, the incident was due not to any defect in the system, but to an error of judgment on the part of the

^a Vide Appendix II on page 90 infra.